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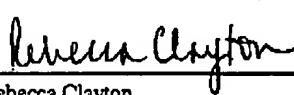
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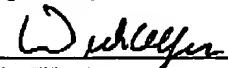
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In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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